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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Miscellaneous Action mailed December 16, 2002,  
please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as shown in the attached marked up version of  
the abstract. Pursuant to MPEP 608.01(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b) and 37 CFR  
1.72(b) a clean copy of the Abstract on a separate sheet is provided.